



GSA Federal Acquisition Training Symposium

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Career Management Interactive Panel

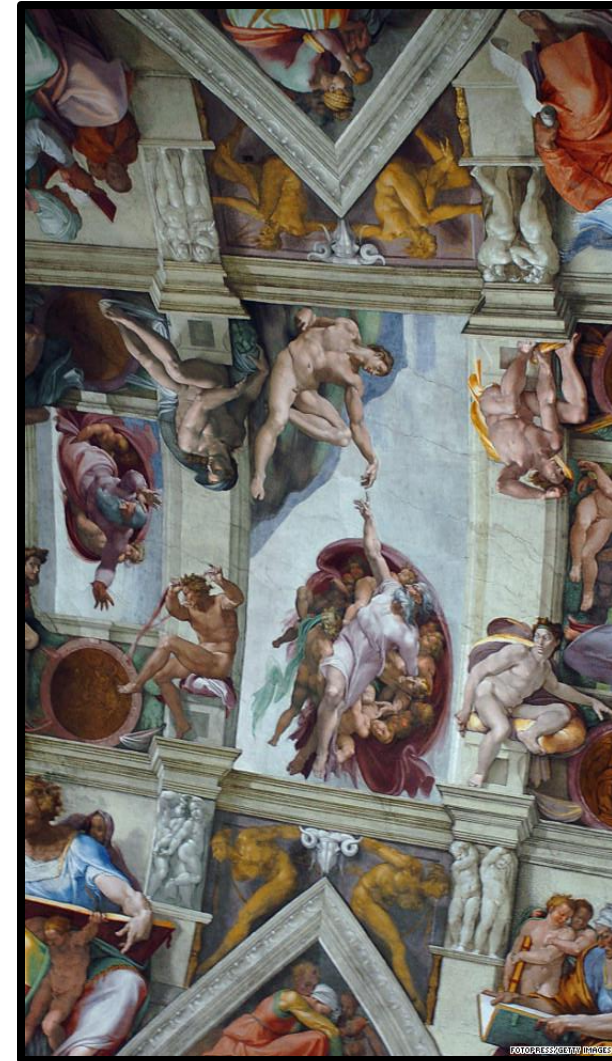
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- **Panel Purpose:** Senior Executives give tips and answer questions to assist you in successfully growing your career
- **Format:** You'll hear from each panel member – then have an opportunity to ask questions publicly and one-on-one.

“If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn’t call it genius.”

- Michelangelo



PANEL MEMBERS

➤ **Tom Sharpe**

- Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, General Services Administration (GSA)

➤ **Michael Smith**

- Executive Director, Office of Selective Acquisitions, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

➤ **Jeff Napier**

- Director, Office of Acquisition Service, Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

➤ **Cathy Dickens**

- Retired Deputy Commander, Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM)
- Current Position: Vice President of Business Management, COLSA Corporation

TOM SHARPE

- Describe current position - Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA
- Brief history of career
- What career advice would you give to your 30-year-old self?
- How have you handled setbacks in a career?
- What's the most effective daily habit you possess?

MICHAEL SMITH

- Describe current position - Executive Director, Office of Selective Acquisitions, DHS
- Brief history of career
- What thing have you most struggled with in your career?
- What's the greatest piece of advice you've gotten or have given?
- What would you do differently in your career if given the opportunity?

JEFF NAPIER

- Describe current position - Director, Office of Acquisition Service, CDC
- Brief history of career
- What mistakes have you made in managing your career?
- What accomplishment are you most proud of?
- What do you wish you knew at a previous stage of your career?

CATHY DICKENS

- Describe current position - Vice President of Business Management, COLSA Corporation
- Brief history of career
- What thing in your career you would have done differently?
- What's the greatest lesson you've learned from a failure?
- Did your career follow the path you thought it would?



*“Even if you’re on the right track,
you’ll get run over if you just sit
there.”*

Will Rogers